

**ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

TIME AND PLACE: Thursday, July 6, 2023 @ **4:00 p.m.**
Via Webex: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/ZC20-31B> (participate and watch)
Via Telephone: 1-650-479-3208 Access code: 2310 607 3696 (audio participation & listen)
Via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DCOfficeofZoning> (to watch)
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Witness Sign Up: <https://dcoz.dc.gov/service/sign-testify>

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:

CASE NO. 20-31B (American University – Further Processing Approval for the Construction of the Alan and Amy Meltzer Center for Athletic Performance and the Sports Center Annex Building @ Square 1600, Lots 1, 801, 810 and 816)

THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO ANC 3E, 3D, and ANC 3A

American University (“Applicant” or “University”) filed an application (“Application”) on April 10, 2023, pursuant to the Zoning Regulations (Title 11 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, Zoning Regulations of 2016, to which all references are made unless otherwise specified) requesting the Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia (the “Commission”) grant special exception approval, pursuant to Subtitle X §101, for further processing of the approved 2021 American University Campus Plan to authorize construction of the Alan and Amy Meltzer Center (“Meltzer Center”) for Athletic Performance and the Sports Center Annex (“SCAN”) Building. The portion of the American University Campus that is subject to this further processing application is located in the RA-1 Zone District.

The Meltzer Center was identified as Site 3 in the approved Campus Plan. The Campus Plan approved a building for Site 3 that was up to 60 feet tall, included 75,000 square feet of gross floor area and was located a minimum distance from AU’s property line adjacent to University Avenue of 110 feet. The Meltzer Center that is proposed in this Application is only 52 feet tall, includes just over 54,000 square feet of gross floor area, and is located a minimum distance of 198 feet from AU’s property line adjacent to University Avenue. Similarly, the height and size of the SCAN Building has also been reduced from the Site 5 Building that was approved in the Campus Plan. The Campus Plan approved a building for Site 5 that was up to 60 feet tall and included 55,000 square feet of gross floor area. The SCAN Building that is proposed in this Application is only 52 feet tall and includes just over 33,000 square feet of gross floor area.

The Meltzer Center is a multi-purpose facility that has been specifically designed to address AU’s stated need to provide competition, practice, and training space for existing AU athletics programs that are currently not adequately accommodated in the Bender Arena and Sports Center. The SCAN Building will house critical student support services that promote and foster overall student well-being and will include space for the University’s wellbeing program, including a mind/body center, a musical performance area, and various social and fitness areas.

This hearing is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at: openoffice@dc.gov.

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This public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the contested case provisions of the Zoning Regulations, Subtitle Z, Chapter 4, which includes the text provided in the Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking adopted by the Commission on May 11, 2020, in Z.C. Case No. 20-11.

How to participate as a witness – oral presentation

Interested persons or representatives of organizations may be heard at the virtual public hearing. All individuals, organizations, or associations wishing to testify in this case are **strongly encouraged to sign up to testify at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing** on OZ's website at <https://dcoz.dc.gov/> or by calling Ella Ackerman at (202) 727-0789 in order to ensure the success of the new virtual public hearing procedures.

The Commission also requests that all witnesses prepare their testimony in writing, submit the written testimony prior to giving statements, and limit oral presentations to summaries of the most important points. The Commission must base its decision on the record before them. Therefore, **all written comments and/or testimony must be submitted to the record at least 24 hours prior to the start of the hearing.** The following maximum time limits for oral testimony shall be adhered to and no time may be ceded:

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| 1. | Applicant and parties in support | 60 minutes collectively |
| 2. | Parties in opposition | 60 minutes collectively |
| 3. | Organizations | 5 minutes each |
| 4. | Individuals | 3 minutes each |

Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 408.4, the Commission may increase or decrease the time allowed above, in which case, the presiding officer shall ensure reasonable balance in the allocation of time between proponents and opponents.

How to participate as a witness – written statements

Written statements, in lieu of personal appearances or oral presentation, may be submitted for inclusion in the record. The public is encouraged to submit written testimony through the Interactive Zoning Information System (IZIS) at <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Login.aspx>; however, written statements may also be submitted by e-mail to zcsubmissions@dc.gov. Please include the case number on your submission. If you are unable to use either of these means of submission, please contact Ella Ackerman at (202) 727-0789 for further assistance.

How to participate as a party.

Any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must so request and must comply with the provisions of Subtitle Z § 404.1.

A party has the right to cross-examine witnesses, to submit proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, to receive a copy of the written decision of the Commission, and to exercise the other rights of parties as specified in the Zoning Regulations. If you are still unsure of what it means to participate as a party and would like more information on this, please contact OZ at dcoz@dc.gov or at (202) 727-6311.

Except for an affected ANC, any person who desires to participate as a party in this case must clearly demonstrate that the person's interests would likely be more significantly, distinctly, or uniquely affected by the proposed zoning action than other persons in the general public. Persons seeking party status **shall file with the Commission, not less than 14 days prior to the date set for the hearing, or 14 days prior to a scheduled public meeting if seeking advanced party status consideration, a Form 140 – Party Status Application, a copy of which may be downloaded from OZ's website at: <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Help/Forms.html>.**

“Great weight” to written report of ANC

Subtitle Z § 406.2 provides that the written report of an affected ANC shall be given great weight if received at any time prior to the date of a Commission meeting to consider final action, including any continuation thereof on the application, and sets forth the information that the report must contain. Pursuant to Subtitle Z § 406.3, an ANC that wishes to participate in the hearing must file a written report at least seven days in advance of the public hearing and provide the name of the person who is authorized by the ANC to represent it at the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF ZONING AT (202) 727-6311.

ANTHONY J. HOOD, ROBERT E. MILLER, PETER G. MAY, AND JOSEPH S. IMAMURA, ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, BY SARA A. BARDIN, DIRECTOR, AND BY SHARON S. SCHELLIN, SECRETARY TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.

Do you need assistance to participate? If you need special accommodations or need language assistance services (translation or interpretation), please contact Zee Hill at (202) 727-0312 or Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov five days in advance of the meeting. These services will be provided free of charge.

¿Necesita ayuda para participar? Si tiene necesidades especiales o si necesita servicios de ayuda en su idioma (de traducción o interpretación), por favor comuníquese con Zee Hill llamando al (202) 727-0312 o escribiendo a Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov cinco días antes de la sesión. Estos servicios serán proporcionados sin costo alguno.

Avez-vous besoin d'assistance pour pouvoir participer? Si vous avez besoin d'aménagements spéciaux ou d'une aide linguistique (traduction ou interprétation), veuillez contacter Zee Hill au (202) 727-0312 ou à Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov cinq jours avant la réunion. Ces services vous seront fournis gratuitement.

참여하시는데 도움이 필요하세요? 특별한 편의를 제공해 드려야 하거나, 언어 지원 서비스(번역 또는 통역)가 필요하시면, 회의 5일 전에 Zee Hill 씨께 (202) 727-0312 로 전화 하시거나 Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov 로 이메일을 주시기 바랍니다. 이와 같은 서비스는 무료로 제공됩니다.

您需要有人帮助参加活动吗? 如果您需要特殊便利设施或语言协助服务(翻译或口译), 请在见面之前提前五天与Zee Hill 联系。电话号码(202) 727-0312, 电子邮件Zelalem.Hill@dc.gov 这些是免费提供的服务。

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